



**SAINT THEODORE OF CANTERBURY  
HAMPTON ON THAMES  
Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



Welcome to all at Mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and let us pray for each other.

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

- Sunday 21** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Good Shepherd Sunday**  
Trudy, Paul and Family  
For the People of the Parish  
Vasco Mazzarri and Iosetta Spinetti RIP
- Monday 22** **Easter Feria**  
**NO MASS**
- Tuesday 23** **SAINT GEORGE**  
9.30 am  
For Vocations
- Weds 24** **Saints Erkenwald and Mellitus**  
9.30 am  
Michael Phelan (Int)
- Thursday 25** **SAINT MARK**  
9.30 am  
Holy Souls
- Friday 26** **Easter Feria**  
9.30 am  
Polly Curry
- Saturday 27** **Easter Feria**  
**6pm**  
Margaret Lowney RIP
- Sunday 28** **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**8.30 am**  
**10.30 am**  
Dan Cronin RIP  
For all the People of our Parish



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

This is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Gospel narratives (from John 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. A general "theme" to the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising): the first reading talks of his name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save: one of the results of the "power of this name" is that in him we are all God's children, and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by his dying and rising he has truly saved his flock.

*Blessed Sacrament Lamp this week is for Bertilla Cunningham*

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**TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY AND THE 61<sup>ST</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.**

This year Pope Francis asks us to reflect on the fact that we are: *Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace* The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place this weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code on the posters around you to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**SEAMUS O'KANE RIP:** Please remember Seamus in your Prayers. He died quite unexpectedly on April 11th. Seamus was the Landlord the Railway Bell or 'the Dip'. Seamus' funeral will take place on Wednesday May 15th at 11.00am here at St Theodore's. We commend Seamus to the Lord and offer our prayerful condolences to his family and many friends. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

**CURRY AND QUIZ** We are looking forward to this event next Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, a gentle reminder that the doors open at 7pm Quiz Starts at 7.15pm. Don't forget to bring your own drinks!

**GIFT AID:** If you are a Gift Aider and are no longer paying tax, it is of the utmost importance that you inform the office of this in writing as soon as possible. We do not want anybody getting surprise bills from HMRC. New planned giving envelopes were ordered some time ago and are ready for collection. Please contact the Parish Office for further details

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES THIS YEAR:**



Will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July. Full board costs range from £775.00 by coach to £1250.00 including flight and single room occupancy. For more information contact the Pilgrimage office on 020 7798 9173 or email [lourdes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdow.org.uk). Alternatively you can scan the QR code in the Church welcoming area. God willing Fr Philip will

be travelling on this Pilgrimage. He will be accompanying the Jumbulance. It would be lovely if there is a little delegation from St Theodore's joining our Diocesan Pilgrimage. By scanning the QR code, details of the pilgrimage and guidelines for volunteering are given.



**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 7PM:**

We are looking forward to welcoming Tina English, the founder and director of 'Embracing Age'. This is a local Christian charity whose aim is to create a world where older people are valued, connected and full of hope. They aim to achieve this by combatting loneliness and mobilising volunteers to befriend care home residents within the Richmond area. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more about this local charity and the ways to get involved

in their work. Refreshments will be available, looking forward to seeing you on Thursday.

**CARE HOME CLOTHING DONATIONS** - A local charity, Embracing Age (Reg. Charity No. 1160400), has had a request for help from the manager of a local care home who has asked for clothing for a male resident who is XXL in size as he has no family to support him. If you are able to help please contact Mary on [mary@embracingage.org.uk](mailto:mary@embracingage.org.uk) or call / text 07757450951 to arrange a doorstep collection.

**CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS:** We are aware that in our community there are men and women who, for one reason or another, did not receive Confirmation in their youth. If this is the case and you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please speak to Fr Philip or Deacon Duncan. Confirmation, along with Baptism, is one of the Sacraments of Christian initiation and therefore is essential.

**AGE CONCERN COFFEE MORNING:** This Thursday we look forward to welcoming our friends from Hello Hampton. Hello Hampton is a local group that works through Age UK Richmond that seeks to build community. St Theodore's Parish is a member of the Dementia Friendly Communities Richmond Network.

**A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER:** SVP and CAFOD are inviting parishes to reach out to their local candidates ahead of the next election. This is not about political affiliations, but rather about strengthening community participation as a local faith group and practising the culture of encounter that Pope Francis talks about. To this end, CAFOD are running online training sessions on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm or Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 11am. You can register for either training at [cafod.org.uk/election-meeting](http://cafod.org.uk/election-meeting) and further information is available at [yearofencounter@cafod.org.uk](mailto:yearofencounter@cafod.org.uk)

**REPOSITORY:** There are many new Mass and Occasion cards in the repository - all at very competitive prices!

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP:** If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, which burns next to the Tabernacle for a special Intention, just let the office know your preferred week and your intention. The cost is just £10 for the whole week.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEWSLETTER** should be received by the Parish Office in writing no later than 10am on Thursday.

**PARENT'S MEETING FOR CURRENT FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN:** will take place on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Hall.

**HOW BEAUTY DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD:** Fr Patrick van der Vorst | 7 PM, Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 | St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London

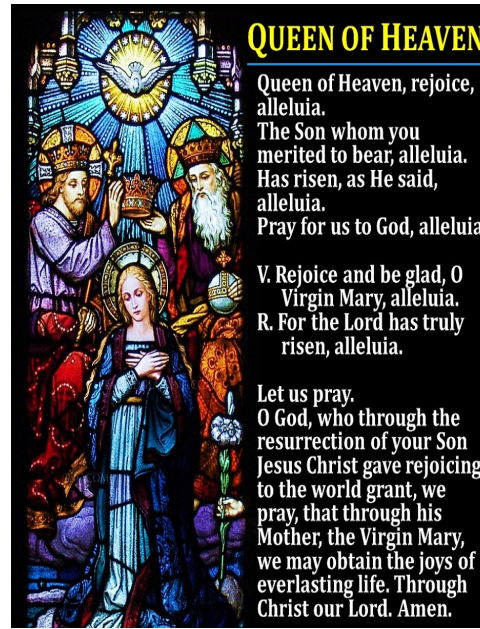
Fr. Patrick van der Vorst is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, a former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and the founder of the evangelistic initiative [www.Christian.Art](http://www.Christian.Art). Fr. Patrick will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A and then refreshments will be available.

**DIOCESAN JOBS** for further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**Parish Office opening hours this week:**  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm

**Offertory Collection for week up to and including 14/04/2024:**  
Envelopes: £291.90 Loose: £281.08  
Contactless: £25.00 (£0.41 in fees)  
Total: £597.57  
Average MONTHLY Standing Orders: £2,001.00  
(Thus average weekly on an annual basis = £461.77)

Thank You for your generosity



**QUEEN OF HEAVEN**

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.  
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.  
O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina Caeli laetare, Alleluia,  
Quia quem meruisti portare. Alleluia,  
Resurrexit, Sicut dixit, Alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Pope Francis, and in this Month of April** we join him in praying that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. For Cardinal Vincent Nichols and all Bishops. **For all in our Parish family especially those who are sick or housebound, those who care for them, those away from home, in Education, working away, on active service, or in Prison; for Peace in our World and especially for an end to the conflict in Ukraine and for peace in the Middle East. During Eastertide we pray for Victoria and all new members of the Church, the right use of media, the blessing of Human Work. For Priests and Deacons, Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious life. For our Schools and other Christian communities in our Parish. For the Servants of the Mother of God. For His Majesty the King and all who govern in his name. For all those who died recently, especially Seamus O'Kane (of the Dip / Railway Bell), Fr John Warnaby, Fr David Williamson, Christine Sweeney, Jeanne Macedo and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no one to pray for them.**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE TO OUR PARISH: PRIMARY SCHOOLS:** St James School is our designated Parish School: St James, Twickenham: <https://www.st-james.richmond.sch.uk/> Mr. Beaty. Sacred Heart, Teddington: <https://www.sacredheartteddington.co.uk/> Mrs H Murphy, St Ignatius, Sunbury: <https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/> Mrs O'Neill. **SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN OUR DEANARY:** St Richard Reynolds Twickenham. Mr R Burke [www.strichardreynolds.org.uk](http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk) St Paul's Sunbury. Mr J. McNulty. [www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/](http://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ CONFESSIONS** Saturday 5.15pm—5.45pm or by appointment.  
**BAPTISMS** Please initially speak to Fr Philip after Sunday Mass. Adults wishing to enquire about the Catholic Faith should also speak to Fr Philip.  
**WEDDINGS** For those couples wishing to get married here or elsewhere, it is important that you notify Fr Philip at least 6 months before your wedding date.  
**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** On request. If you are about to undergo surgery or treatment, please do to hesitate to ask Fr Philip. If you are admitted to Hospital, please indicate that your details are to be passed to the R.C. Chaplain and that you would like the R.C. Chaplain to visit.

**IF ANY ONE IS IN DANGER OF DEATH PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL FR PHILIP - 020 8979 3596 OR A NEIGHBOURING PARISH.**